

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Claims 9, 14 and 15 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 16-18 are cancelled without prejudice as being drawn to a non-elected species.

Claim 1 has been amended to define the triangular structure of the leg assemblies and the support link assemblies.

Claims 1 and 4 have been amended to provide that the stabilizer need not necessarily act through the caster assembly.

Claim 7 has been amended to define the relationship between the stabilizer member and the caster wheels.

Claim 13 has been amended to provide the proper structure for connecting the first ends of the rods of each leg assembly.

A new claim 19 is submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

This following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1 (currently amended): A tripod for supporting a device above a ground surface comprising:

- a) a platform base for supporting the device;
- b) three leg assemblies coupled to the platform base, each said leg assembly comprising a triangular structure having an apex located at a foot of each leg assembly;

- c) three support link assemblies extending in a substantially vertically downward direction to a central point below said base, each said support link assembly comprising a triangular structure having an apex located at said central point;
- d) three sets of stabilizer links coupled at one end to said central point and at a second end to a respective one of said leg assemblies; and
- e) three caster assemblies coupled to respective ones of said leg assemblies at a distal end thereof, each caster assembly having a stabilizer member acting ~~through~~ adjacent to said caster assembly so as to bear selectively against the ground surface.

2 (previously presented): The tripod of claim 1 wherein each of said leg assemblies comprise a pair of rods having first ends coupled to said platform base a predetermined distance apart and having said distal ends coupled to a foot.

3 (previously presented): The tripod of claim 2 wherein said support link assemblies each comprise a pair of members coupled to said base a predetermined distance apart at a first end and coupled together at said central point.

4 (currently amended): A tripod stand for supporting a device above a ground surface comprising:

- a) three leg assemblies coupled to a platform base for supporting said device, each said leg assembly having a foot;
- b) three caster assemblies, each respectively coupled to one of said feet, each caster assembly having at least one wheel; and
- c) three stabilizer members selectively and adjustably acting ~~through~~ adjacent to each said caster assembly, respectively, to engage said ground surface.

5 (previously presented): The tripod stand of claim 4 wherein said caster assemblies have at least one wheel.

6 (previously presented): The tripod stand of claim 5 wherein each of said caster assemblies includes a pair of wheels.

7 (currently amended): The tripod stand of claim 6 wherein said pair of wheels are spaced a predetermined distance apart and said stabilizer member comprises a threaded bolt inserted through a threaded aperture in said foot so as to be selectively extendable between said pair of wheels.

8 (previously presented): The tripod stand of claim 4 wherein each of said leg assemblies includes a foot having a threaded aperture and wherein said stabilizer member is selectively adjustable through said threaded aperture.

9 (cancelled).

10 (previously presented): The tripod stand of claim 4 wherein said stabilizer members comprise elongate ground surface engaging members.

11 (previously presented): The tripod stand of claim 10 wherein said elongate ground surface engaging members are threaded rods.

12 (previously presented): The tripod stand of claim 11 wherein each of said feet have a threaded aperture adapted to receive said threaded rods.

13 (currently amended): The tripod of claim 2 wherein the platform base includes three ~~connector links~~ hollow cylindrical members coupled ~~between to~~ said first ends of each of said rods in each respective leg assembly.

14-18 (cancelled).

19 (new): A tripod stand for supporting a device above a ground surface comprising:

- a) three leg assemblies coupled to a platform base for supporting said device, each said leg assembly having a foot, each foot having a threaded aperture for receiving a threaded sleeve;
- b) three caster assemblies, each caster assembly being respectively coupled to one of said feet, each caster assembly having at least one wheel; and
- c) three stabilizer members selectively and adjustably acting through a respective threaded sleeve in each of said foot members to engage said ground surface.